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GDR EDITOR FORCED TO RECALL SLIGHT TO STALIN

Under the heading "Goetterdaemmerung des Marxismus" (Marxism Fades Out), the Swiss daily Neue Zuercher Zeitung, in its morning edition of 23 January 1953, published the following item:

Leipzig, 22 January (DPA).-- Because of disrespect to Lenin and Stalin, "the greatest geniuses of our age," Lutz Aulbach, editor in chief of Volksstimme /daily news organ of the SED (Socialist Unity Party) for Land Sachsen/ and his editorial staff were forced to undergo severe self-criticism. In connection with "Karl Marx Year 1953," an article appeared in Volksstimme in which it was stated that "the name Karl Marx bears far more significance than the name of any other outstanding scientist in the world; Karl Marx is the incarnation of the modern world-wide workers' movement."

Prodded by their party leaders, the SED journalists confessed to having exaggerated the importance of Karl Marx "artificially, falsely, and unscientifically." They admitted that not Marx but Lenin and Stalin personified the modern workers' movement.

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